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## State Division of Waste Management Announces \$1.5 Million in Waste Grants

Recycling, household hazardous waste programs funded

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (June 21, 2013) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management today announced 47 recycling and 22 household hazardous waste (HHW) grants to expand recycling, reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfills and improve the environmental management of household hazardous waste, which includes electronic scrap and mercury from homes throughout the Commonwealth.

Grant dollars from the Kentucky Pride Fund, which is generated by a \$1.75 fee for each ton of municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky landfills, are financing the 69 grants totaling \$1,546,913.28.

The grants require a 25 percent local match in the form of cash or "in kind" personnel, educational activities or advertising to promote the program from the cities or counties receiving the awards.

A complete list of grant recipients can be viewed at <a href="http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/recycling/Pages/recycling.aspx">http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/recycling/Pages/recycling.aspx</a>.

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